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1 A BILL for an Act to reenact portions of Senate Bill No. 2015, as approved by the sixty-eighth

- 2 legislative assembly, to amend and reenact section 15.1-27-04.1, as amended by section 10 of
- 3 Senate Bill No. 2284, as approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly, and sections
- 4 15.1-36-02 and 15.1-36-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to baseline funding and
- 5 the determination of state school aid, loans from the coal development trust fund, and
- 6 evidences of indebtedness; to provide an appropriation; to provide for retroactive application,
- 7 and to provide an effective date.

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

9 **SECTION 1. REENACTMENT.** The portion of Senate Bill No. 2015, as approved by the 10 sixty-eighth legislative assembly, and published in section 25 of chapter 47 of the 2023 Session 11 Laws, is reenacted as follows:

SECTION 25. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-27-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, as amended by section 10 of Senate Bill No. 2284, as approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-27-04.1. Baseline funding - Establishment - Determination of state aid. (Effective through June 30, 2025)

- To determine the amount of state aid payable to each district, the superintendent of public instruction shall establish each district's baseline funding. A district's baseline funding consists of:
 - All state aid received by the district in accordance with chapter 15.1-27 during the 2018-19 school year;
 - An amount equal to the property tax deducted by the superintendent of public instruction to determine the 2018-19 state aid payment;

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- c. An amount equal to seventy-five percent of the revenue received by the school district during the 2017-18 school year for the following revenue types:
 - (1) Revenue reported under code 2000 of the North Dakota school district financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 15.1-02-08;
 - (2) Mineral revenue received by the school district through direct allocation from the state treasurer and not reported under code 2000 of the North Dakota school district financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 15.1-02-08;
 - Tuition reported under code 1300 of the North Dakota school district financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 15.1-02-08, with the exception of revenue received specifically for the operation of an educational program provided at a residential treatment facility, tuition received for the provision of an adult farm management program, and beginning in the 2021-22 school year, seventeen percent of tuition received under an agreement to educate students from a school district on an air force base with funding received through federal impact aid, and an additional seventeen percent of tuition received under an agreement to educate students from a school district on an air force base with funding received through federal impact aid each school year thereafter, until the 2024-25 school year when sixty-eight percent of tuition received under an agreement to educate students from a school district on an air force base with funding received through federal impact aid must be excluded from the tuition calculation under this paragraph;
 - (4) Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes on the distribution and transmission of electric power;

1			(5)	Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes on electricity generated from
2				sources other than coal; and
3			(6)	Revenue from the leasing of land acquired by the United States for
4				which compensation is allocated to the state under 33 U.S.C. 701(c)
5				(3);
6		d.	An an	nount equal to the total revenue received by the school district during
7			the 20	017-18 school year for the following revenue types:
8			(1)	Mobile home tax revenue;
9			(2)	Telecommunications tax revenue; and
10			(3)	Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes and state reimbursement of
11				the homestead credit and disabled veterans credit; and
12		e.	Begin	ning with the 2020-21 school year, the superintendent shall reduce the
13			baseli	ne funding for any school district that becomes an elementary district
14			pursu	ant to section 15.1-07-27 after the 2012-13 school year. The reduction
15			must l	be proportional to the number of weighted student units in the grades
16			that a	re offered through another school district relative to the total number of
17			weigh	ted student units the school district offered in the year before the
18			schoo	ol district became an elementary district. The reduced baseline funding
19			applie	s to the calculation of state aid for the first school year in which the
20			schoo	I district becomes an elementary district and for each year thereafter.
21			For di	stricts that become an elementary district prior to the 2020-21 school
22			year, t	the superintendent shall use the reduced baseline funding to calculate
23			state a	aid for the 2020-21 school year and for each year thereafter.
24	2.	a.	The s	uperintendent shall divide the district's baseline funding determined in
25			subse	ection 1 by the district's 2017-18 weighted student units to determine
26			the di	strict's baseline funding per weighted student unit.
27		b.	For ar	ny school district that becomes an elementary district pursuant to
28			sectio	n 15.1-07-27 after the 2017-18 school year, the superintendent shall
29			adjust	the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit used to
30			calcul	ate state aid. The superintendent shall divide the district's baseline
31			fundin	a determined in subsection 1 by the district's weighted student units

1 after the school district becomes an elementary district to determine the 2 district's adjusted baseline funding per weighted student unit. The 3 superintendent shall use the district's adjusted baseline funding per 4 weighted student unit in the calculation of state aid for the first school year 5 in which the school district becomes an elementary district and for each 6 year thereafter. 7 Beginning with the 2021-22 school year and for each school year thereafter, 8 the superintendent shall reduce the district's baseline funding per weighted 9 student unit. Each year the superintendent shall calculate the amount by 10 which the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit exceeds the 11 payment per weighted student unit provided in subsection 3. For the 12 2023-24 school year the superintendent shall reduce the district's baseline 13 funding per weighted student unit by forty percent of the amount by which 14 the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit exceeds the 15 payment per weighted student unit for the 2023-24 school year. For each 16 year thereafter, the reduction percentage is increased by an additional 17 fifteen percent. However, the district's baseline funding per weighted student 18 unit, after the reduction, may not be less than the payment per weighted 19 student unit provided in subsection 3. 20 3. For the 2023-24 school year, the superintendent shall calculate state aid as 21 the greater of: 22 The district's weighted student units multiplied by ten thousand six (1) 23 hundred forty-six dollars; 24 (2) One hundred two percent of the district's baseline funding per 25 weighted student unit, as established in subsection 2, multiplied by 26 the district's weighted student units, not to exceed the district's 27 2017-18 baseline weighted student units, plus any weighted student 28 units in excess of the 2017-18 baseline weighted student units 29 multiplied by ten thousand six hundred forty-six dollars; or 30 (3) The district's baseline funding as established in subsection 1 less the 31 amount in paragraph 1, with the difference reduced by forty percent

ı				and then the difference added to the amount determined in
2				paragraph 1.
3		b.	For t	the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter, the
4			supe	erintendent shall calculate state aid as the greater of:
5			(1)	The district's weighted student units multiplied by eleven thousand
6				seventy-two dollars;
7			(2)	One hundred two percent of the district's baseline funding per
8				weighted student unit, as established in subsection 2, multiplied by
9				the district's weighted student units, not to exceed the district's
10				2017-18 baseline weighted student units, plus any weighted student
11				units in excess of the 2017-18 baseline weighted student units
12				multiplied by eleven thousand seventy-two dollars; or
13			(3)	The district's baseline funding as established in subsection 1 less the
14				amount in paragraph 1, with the difference reduced by fifty-five
15				percent for the 2024-25 school year and the reduction percentage
16				increasing by fifteen percent each school year thereafter until the
17				difference is reduced to zero, and then the difference added to the
18				amount determined in paragraph 1.
19	4.	Afte	r dete	rmining the product in accordance with subsection 3, the
20		sup	erinter	ndent of public instruction shall:
21		a.	Subt	tract an amount equal to sixty mills multiplied by the taxable valuation of
22			the s	school district, except the amount in dollars subtracted for purposes of
23			this	subdivision may not exceed the previous year's amount in dollars
24			subti	racted for purposes of this subdivision by more than twelve percent,
25			adju	sted pursuant to section 15.1-27-04.3; and
26		b.	Subt	tract an amount equal to seventy-five percent of all revenue types listed
27			in su	abdivisions c and d of subsection 1. Before determining the deduction
28			for s	eventy-five percent of all revenue types, the superintendent of public
29			instr	uction shall adjust revenues as follows:
30			(1)	Tuition revenue shall be adjusted as follows:

1 In addition to deducting tuition revenue received specifically for (a) 2 the operation of an educational program provided at a residential 3 treatment facility, tuition revenue received for the provision of an 4 adult farm management program, and tuition received under an 5 agreement to educate students from a school district on an 6 air force base with funding received through federal impact aid 7 as directed each school year in paragraph 3 of subdivision c of 8 subsection 1, the superintendent of public instruction also shall 9 reduce the total tuition reported by the school district by the 10 amount of tuition revenue received for the education of students 11 not residing in the state and for which the state has not entered a 12 cross-border education contract; and 13 (b) The superintendent of public instruction also shall reduce the 14 total tuition reported by admitting school districts meeting the 15 requirements of subdivision e of subsection 2 of section 16 15.1-29-12 by the amount of tuition revenue received for the 17 education of students residing in an adjacent school district. 18 (2) After adjusting tuition revenue as provided in paragraph 1, the 19 superintendent shall reduce all remaining revenues from all revenue 20 types by the percentage of mills levied in 2022 by the school district 21 for sinking and interest relative to the total mills levied in 2022 by the 22 school district for all purposes. 23 5. The amount remaining after the computation required under subsection 4 is the 24 amount of state aid to which a school district is entitled, subject to any other 25 statutory requirements or limitations. 26 On or before June thirtieth of each year, the school board shall certify to the 6. 27 superintendent of public instruction the final average daily membership for the 28 current school year. 29 For purposes of the calculation in subsection 4, each county auditor, in 7. 30 collaboration with the school districts, shall report the following to the 31 superintendent of public instruction on an annual basis:

1	a.	The	amount of revenue received by each school district in the county during
2		the p	previous school year for each type of revenue identified in subdivisions c
3		and	d of subsection 1;
4	b.	The	total number of mills levied in the previous calendar year by each
5		scho	pol district for all purposes; and
6	C.	The	number of mills levied in the previous calendar year by each school
7		distr	ict for sinking and interest fund purposes.
8	Ва	seline	funding - Establishment - Determination of state aid. (Effective
9	after Ju	ne 30,	2025)
0	1. To	determ	nine the amount of state aid payable to each district, the superintendent
11	of p	oublic i	nstruction shall establish each district's baseline funding. A district's
2	bas	seline f	funding consists of:
3	a.	All s	tate aid received by the district in accordance with chapter 15.1-27
4		durir	ng the 2018-19 school year;
5	b.	An a	amount equal to the property tax deducted by the superintendent of
16		publ	ic instruction to determine the 2018-19 state aid payment;
7	C.	An a	amount equal to seventy-five percent of the revenue received by the
8		scho	ool district during the 2017-18 school year for the following revenue
9		type	s:
20		(1)	Revenue reported under code 2000 of the North Dakota school district
21			financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by the
22			superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section
23			15.1-02-08;
24		(2)	Mineral revenue received by the school district through direct
25			allocation from the state treasurer and not reported under code 2000
26			of the North Dakota school district financial accounting and reporting
27			manual, as developed by the superintendent of public instruction in
28			accordance with section 15.1-02-08;
29		(3)	Tuition reported under code 1300 of the North Dakota school district
30			financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by the
31			superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section

1				15.1-02-08, with the exception of revenue received specifically for the
2				operation of an educational program provided at a residential
3				treatment facility, tuition received for the provision of an adult farm
4				management program, and beginning in the 2025-26 school year,
5				eighty-five percent of tuition received under an agreement to educate
6				students from a school district on an air force base with funding
7				received through federal impact aid, until the 2026-27 school year,
8				and each school year thereafter, when all tuition received under an
9				agreement to educate students from a school district on an air force
10				base with funding received through federal impact aid must be
11				excluded from the tuition calculation under this paragraph;
12		((4)	Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes on the distribution and
13				transmission of electric power;
14		((5)	Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes on electricity generated from
15				sources other than coal; and
16		((6)	Revenue from the leasing of land acquired by the United States for
17				which compensation is allocated to the state under 33 U.S.C. 701(c)
18				(3); and
19	d	d. A	An ar	mount equal to the total revenue received by the school district during
20		t	he 2	017-18 school year for the following revenue types:
21		((1)	Mobile home tax revenue;
22		((2)	Telecommunications tax revenue; and
23		((3)	Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes and state reimbursement of
24				the homestead credit and disabled veterans credit.
25	е	e. E	3egir	nning with the 2020-21 school year, the superintendent shall reduce the
26		k	oasel	line funding for any school district that becomes an elementary district
27		ŗ	oursu	uant to section 15.1-07-27 after the 2012-13 school year. The reduction
28		r	nust	be proportional to the number of weighted student units in the grades
29		t	hat a	are offered through another school district relative to the total number of
30		١	veigl	nted student units the school district offered in the year before the
31		5	scho	ol district became an elementary district. The reduced baseline funding

- applies to the calculation of state aid for the first school year in which the school district becomes an elementary district and for each year thereafter. For districts that become an elementary district prior to the 2020-21 school year, the superintendent shall use the reduced baseline funding to calculate state aid for the 2020-21 school year and for each year thereafter. 2. The superintendent shall divide the district's baseline funding determined in a. subsection 1 by the district's 2017-18 weighted student units to determine the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit.
 - b. For any school district that becomes an elementary district pursuant to section 15.1-07-27 after the 2017-18 school year, the superintendent shall adjust the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit used to calculate state aid. The superintendent shall divide the district's baseline funding determined in subsection 1 by the district's weighted student units after the school district becomes an elementary district to determine the district's adjusted baseline funding per weighted student unit. The superintendent shall use the district's adjusted baseline funding per weighted student unit in the calculation of state aid for the first school year in which the school district becomes an elementary district and for each year thereafter.
 - c. Beginning with the 2021-22 school year and for each school year thereafter, the superintendent shall reduce the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit. Each year the superintendent shall calculate the amount by which the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit exceeds the payment per weighted student unit provided in subsection 3. For the 2023-24 school year the superintendent shall reduce the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit by forty percent of the amount by which the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit exceeds the payment per weighted student unit for the 2023-24 school year. For each year thereafter, the reduction percentage is increased by an additional fifteen percent. However, the district's baseline funding per weighted student

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1			unit,	after the reduction, may not be less than the payment per weighted
2			stud	ent unit provided in subsection 3.
3	3.	a.	For t	the 2023-24 school year, the superintendent shall calculate state aid as
4			the g	greater of:
5			(1)	The district's weighted student units multiplied by ten thousand six
6				hundred forty-six dollars;
7			(2)	One hundred two percent of the district's baseline funding per
8				weighted student unit, as established in subsection 2, multiplied by
9				the district's weighted student units, not to exceed the district's
10				2017-18 baseline weighted student units, plus any weighted student
11				units in excess of the 2017-18 baseline weighted student units
12				multiplied by ten thousand six hundred forty-six dollars; or
13			(3)	The district's baseline funding as established in subsection 1 less the
14				amount in paragraph 1, with the difference reduced by forty percent
15				and then the difference added to the amount determined in
16				paragraph 1.
17		b.	For t	the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter, the
18			supe	erintendent shall calculate state aid as the greater of:
19			(1)	The district's weighted student units multiplied by eleven thousand
20				seventy-two dollars;
21			(2)	One hundred two percent of the district's baseline funding per
22				weighted student unit, as established in subsection 2, multiplied by
23				the district's weighted student units, not to exceed the district's
24				2017-18 baseline weighted student units, plus any weighted student
25				units in excess of the 2017-18 baseline weighted student units
26				multiplied by eleven thousand seventy-two dollars; or
27			(3)	The district's baseline funding as established in subsection 1 less the
28				amount in paragraph 1, with the difference reduced by fifty-five
29				percent for the 2024-25 school year and the reduction percentage
30				increasing by fifteen percent each school year thereafter until the

1				diffe	rence is reduced to zero, and then the difference added to the
2				amo	ount determined in paragraph 1.
3	4.	Afte	r dete	rminir	ng the product in accordance with subsection 3, the
4		supe	erinte	ndent	of public instruction shall:
5		a.	Sub	tract a	n amount equal to sixty mills multiplied by the taxable valuation of
6			the s	school	district; and
7		b.	Sub	tract a	n amount equal to seventy-five percent of all revenue types listed
8			in su	ıbdivis	sions c and d of subsection 1. Before determining the deduction
9			for s	event	y-five percent of all revenue types, the superintendent of public
10			instr	uction	shall adjust revenues as follows:
11			(1)	Tuiti	on revenue shall be adjusted as follows:
12				(a)	In addition to deducting tuition revenue received specifically for
13					the operation of an educational program provided at a residential
14					treatment facility, tuition revenue received for the provision of an
15					adult farm management program, and tuition received under an
16					agreement to educate students from a school district on an
17					air force base with funding received through federal impact aid
18					as directed each school year in paragraph 3 of subdivision c of
19					subsection 1, the superintendent of public instruction also shall
20					reduce the total tuition reported by the school district by the
21					amount of tuition revenue received for the education of students
22					not residing in the state and for which the state has not entered a
23					cross-border education contract; and
24				(b)	The superintendent of public instruction also shall reduce the
25					total tuition reported by admitting school districts meeting the
26					requirements of subdivision e of subsection 2 of section
27					15.1-29-12 by the amount of tuition revenue received for the
28					education of students residing in an adjacent school district.
29			(2)	Afte	r adjusting tuition revenue as provided in paragraph 1, the
30				supe	erintendent shall reduce all remaining revenues from all revenue
31				type	s by the percentage of mills levied in 2022 by the school district

I		for sinking and interest relative to the total mills levied in 2022 by the
2		school district for all purposes.
3	5.	The amount remaining after the computation required under subsection 4 is the
4		amount of state aid to which a school district is entitled, subject to any other
5		statutory requirements or limitations.
6	6.	On or before June thirtieth of each year, the school board shall certify to the
7		superintendent of public instruction the final average daily membership for the
8		current school year.
9	7.	For purposes of the calculation in subsection 4, each county auditor, in
10		collaboration with the school districts, shall report the following to the
11		superintendent of public instruction on an annual basis:
12		a. The amount of revenue received by each school district in the county during
13		the previous school year for each type of revenue identified in subdivisions c
14		and d of subsection 1;
15		b. The total number of mills levied in the previous calendar year by each
16		school district for all purposes; and
17		c. The number of mills levied in the previous calendar year by each school
18		district for sinking and interest fund purposes.
19	SECTION	2. REENACTMENT. The portion of Senate Bill No. 2015, as approved by the
20	sixty-eighth le	gislative assembly, and published in section 26 of chapter 47 of the 2023 Session
21	Laws, is reena	acted as follows:
22		SECTION 26. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-36-02 of the North Dakota Century
23	Code	e is amended and reenacted as follows:
24		15.1-36-02. Coal development trust fund - Board of university and school
25	land	s - School construction projects - Unanticipated construction projects and
26	eme	rgency repairs - Loans.
27	1.	Up to sixty million dollars from the coal development trust fund is available to the
28		board of university and school lands for loans under this section.
29	2.	To be eligible for a loan under this section, the school district must demonstrate a
30		need based on an unanticipated construction project, an unanticipated

1		repl	lacem	ent project, an emergency repair, or a legislatively defined condition,
2		and	the b	oard of a school district shall:
3		a.	Obta	ain the approval of the superintendent of public instruction for the
4			cons	struction project under section 15.1-36-01; and
5		b.	Sub	mit to the superintendent of public instruction an application containing
6			all in	formation deemed necessary by the superintendent, including potential
7			alter	native sources or methods of financing the construction project.
8	3.	The	supe	rintendent of public instruction shall consider each loan application in
9		the	order	the application received approval under section 15.1-36-01.
10	4.	If th	e sup	erintendent of public instruction approves the loan, the board of
11		univ	ersity	and school lands shall issue a loan from the coal development trust
12		fund	d.	
13		a.	For	a loan made under this subsection:
14			(1)	The minimum loan amount is two hundred fifty thousand dollars and
15				the maximum loan amount for which a school district may qualify is
16				five million dollars;
17			(2)	The term of the loan is twenty years, unless the board of the school
18				district requests a shorter term in the written loan application; and
19			(3)	The interest rate of the loan may not exceed two percent per year.
20		b.	Duri	ng the 2023-25 biennium, a loan including additional expenses due to
21			unar	nticipated construction inflation is an allowable condition under
22			subs	section 2. For a loan made under this subsection which includes
23			addi	tional expenses due to unanticipated construction inflation:
24			(1)	The unanticipated construction inflation must have occurred for a
25				construction project bid after January 1, 2021, and before June 30,
26				2024;
27			(2)	The maximum loan amount for which a school district may qualify is
28				five million dollars;
29			(3)	The interest rate on the loan may not exceed two percent per year;
30			(4)	The term of the loan is twenty years, unless the board of the school
31				district requests a shorter term in the written loan application; and

1			(5) The school district may pledge revenues derived from its general fund
2			levy authority or other sources of revenue authorized by law.
3	5.	a.	If a school district seeking a loan under this section received an allocation of
4			the oil and gas gross production tax during the previous fiscal year in
5			accordance with chapter 57-51, the board of the district shall provide to the
6			board of university and school lands, and to the state treasurer, its evidence
7			of indebtedness indicating the loan originated under this section.
8		b.	If the evidence of indebtedness is payable solely from the school district's
9			allocation of the oil and gas gross production tax in accordance with section
10			57-51-15, the loan does not constitute a general obligation of the school
11			district and may not be considered a debt of the district.
12		C.	If a loan made to a school district is payable solely from the district's
13			allocation of the oil and gas gross production tax in accordance with section
14			57-51-15, the terms of the loan must require the state treasurer withhold the
15			dollar amount or percentage specified in the loan agreement, from each of
16			the district's oil and gas gross production tax allocations, in order to repay
17			the principal and interest of the evidence of indebtedness. The state
18			treasurer shall deposit the amount withheld into the fund from which the
19			loan originated.
20		d.	Any evidence of indebtedness executed by the board of a school district
21			under this subsection is a negotiable instrument and not subject to taxation
22			by the state or any political subdivision of the state.
23	6.	For	purposes of this section, a "construction project" means the purchase, lease,
24		ere	ction, or improvement of any structure or facility by a school board, provided
25		the	acquisition or activity is within a school board's authority.
26	SECTION	N 3. F	REENACTMENT. The portion of Senate Bill No. 2015, as approved by the
27	sixty-eighth le	egisla	ative assembly, and published in section 27 of chapter 47 of the 2023 Session
28	Laws, is reen	acte	d as follows:
29		SE	CTION 27. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-36-02 of the North Dakota Century
30	Cod	le is a	amended and reenacted as follows:

1		15.	1-36-02. Coal development trust fund - Board of university and school
2	lan	ds - 9	School construction projects - Unanticipated construction projects and
3	em	ergeı	ncy repairs - Loans.
4	1.	Up	to sixty million dollars from the coal development trust fund is available to the
5		boa	ard of university and school lands for loans under this section.
6	2.	To b	pe eligible for a loan under this section, the school district must demonstrate a
7		nee	ed based on an unanticipated construction project, an unanticipated
8		rep	lacement project, an emergency repair, or a legislatively defined condition,
9		and	the board of a school district shall:
10		a.	Obtain the approval of the superintendent of public instruction for the
11			construction project under section 15.1-36-01; and
12		b.	Submit to the superintendent of public instruction an application containing
13			all information deemed necessary by the superintendent, including potential
14			alternative sources or methods of financing the construction project.
15	3.	The	e superintendent of public instruction shall consider each loan application in
16		the	order the application received approval under section 15.1-36-01.
17	4.	If th	e superintendent of public instruction approves the loan, the board of
18		univ	versity and school lands shall issue a loan from the coal development trust
19		fund	d. For a loan made under this section:
20		a.	The minimum loan amount is two hundred fifty thousand dollars and the
21			maximum loan amount for which a school district may qualify is five million
22			dollars;
23		b.	The term of the loan is twenty years, unless the board of the school district
24			requests a shorter term in the written loan application; and
25		C.	The interest rate of the loan may not exceed two percent per year.
26	5.	a.	If a school district seeking a loan under this section received an allocation of
27			the oil and gas gross production tax during the previous fiscal year in
28			accordance with chapter 57-51, the board of the district shall provide to the
29			board of university and school lands, and to the state treasurer, its evidence
30			of indebtedness indicating the loan originated under this section.

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- Legislative Assembly 1 If the evidence of indebtedness is payable solely from the school district's 2 allocation of the oil and gas gross production tax in accordance with section 3 57-51-15, the loan does not constitute a general obligation of the school 4 district and may not be considered a debt of the district. 5 If a loan made to a school district is payable solely from the district's 6 allocation of the oil and gas gross production tax in accordance with section 7 57-51-15, the terms of the loan must require the state treasurer withhold the 8 dollar amount or percentage specified in the loan agreement, from each of 9 the district's oil and gas gross production tax allocations, in order to repay
 - Any evidence of indebtedness executed by the board of a school district under this subsection is a negotiable instrument and not subject to taxation by the state or any political subdivision of the state.

the principal and interest of the evidence of indebtedness. The state

treasurer shall deposit the amount withheld into the fund from which the

For purposes of this section, a "construction project" means the purchase, lease, erection, or improvement of any structure or facility by a school board, provided the acquisition or activity is within a school board's authority.

SECTION 4. REENACTMENT. The portion of Senate Bill No. 2015, as approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly, and published in section 28 of chapter 47 of the 2023 Session Laws, is reenacted as follows:

SECTION 28. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-36-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-36-04. Evidences of indebtedness.

loan originated.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the board of a school district may issue and sell evidences of indebtedness under chapter 21-02 or 21-03 to finance the construction or improvement of a project approved under this chapter. The principal amount of the loan and the evidences of indebtedness to repay the loan may not exceed the loan amount for which the district is eligible under this chapter. Evidences of indebtedness issued under this chapter or chapter 21-03 constitute a general obligation of the school district.

1	SECTION 5. REENACTMENT. The portion of Senate Bill No. 2015, as approved by the
2	sixty-eighth legislative assembly, and published in part in section 6 of chapter 47 of the 2023
3	Session Laws, is reenacted as follows:
4	SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL FUND - DEPARTMENT OF
5	PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund
6	in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,000,000, or so much of
7	the sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose
8	of providing integrated formula payments, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023,
9	and ending June 30, 2025.
10	SECTION 6. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION. Sections 1, 2, 4, and 5 of this Act apply
11	retroactively to July 1, 2023.
12	SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 3 of this Act becomes effective on July 1, 2024.
13	The remainder of this Act becomes effective immediately upon its filing with the secretary of
14	state.